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1. IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE SEVEN DEMONSTRATORS REPORTED IN REFTEL A WERE THE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE BUERGERAKTION GARLSTEDTER HEIDE MENTIONED IN REFTEL B. AS PART OF ITS ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THE FIGHTING "TEETH" OF ITS FORCES IN NATO, THE US HAS SENT TWO NEW BRIGADES TO THE FRG. ONE OF THESE BRIGADES WILL EVENTUALLY BE STATIONED AT GARLSTEDT NEAR BREMEN. THE CHOICE OF THIS LOCATION HAS AROUSED SOME CONTROVERSY IN THE BREMEN AREA BECAUSE IT WILL HAVE SOME UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. PRO-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO NATO HAVE SIEZED ON THE GENUINE DISCONTENT WHICH HAS ARISEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS THE USG. THE FRG AND NATO. SUCH PRO-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS FORM A VERY SMALL MINORITY WHICH SEEKS FOR EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFUSE OPPOSITION TO THE LOCATION OF THE BRIGADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUNDS WITH A DEEPSEATED OPPOSITION TO THE CONCEPT OF WESTERN DEFENSE. IN THIS ATTEMPT THEY ARE LARGELY UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS ANSWERED ALL INDICATIONS OF OPPOSITION TO THE BRIGADE'S LOCATION AT GARLSTEDT BY STATING THAT THE LOCATION WAS PICKED BY THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN A DEMOCRACY SUCH AS THE FRG, ANY OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE DECISION AND NOT TO THE US WHICH IS ONLY AN ALLY AND GUEST OF THAT SOVEREIGN NATION.

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